Ramped-up enforcement In an ongoing push to fortify the Southwestern border, apprehensions of illegal border-crossers are on the decline.

How Border Patrol efforts and results have changed

From 2005 to 2009, more Border Patrol agents were deployed to the Southwest border and more tactical infrastructure, such as border-security fence and vehicle barriers, was constructed. In the same time, apprehensions of undocumented immigrants declined significantly, but seizures of drugs and cash were on the rise.

Note: Unless otherwise noted, all figures shown on map refer to fiscal year 2009 and changes since fiscal 2005.

Border Patrol agents......17.408 (up 76%) Miles of barriers.......646.4 (up 380%)

Apprehensions....... 540,865 (down 53.8%)

Drug seizures (pounds)* 672,696 (up 39.2%) Cash seizures (outbound).\$37,169,509 (up 393%)

Change from 2006 to 2009.

EL CENTRO SECTOR Apprehensions 33,521 (down 39.8%) **Border Patrol agents** 1,187 (up 73.5%) San El Centro

YUMA SECTOR

This sector, which includes some double-layer fencing as well as 19.1 miles of border along the Colorado River, has seen the greatest decline in apprehensions since 2005.

Apprehensions 6.951 (down 95%) Border Patrol agents 972 (up 77.7%)

TUCSON SECTOR Tucson has consistently led the border sectors in

number of apprehensions and Border Patrol agents.

Apprehensions 241,673 (down 45%)

Border Patrol agents 3,318 (up 42.8%)

A growing drug corridor?

Customs and Border Protection recorded more drugs seized in the regions surrounding El Paso and especially San Diego, but the Tucson area saw the sharpest increase in drug traffic since 2006.

Drug seizures (pounds) 109.574 (up 102%)

El Paso

 Border-security fence Vehicle barrier Sector boundary

MARFA SECTOR

Apprehensions 6,360 (down 39.6%)

Border Patrol agents 682 (up 210%)

DEL RIO SECTOR Apprehensions 17,082 (down 75.1%)

Border Patrol agents 1,682 (up 85.4%)

Laredo

LAREDO SECTOR

Apprehensions 40,569 (down 46.2%)

SAN DIEGO SECTOR

Diego

The sector as a whole saw the smallest decline in apprehensions. Its border has newer double-layer fencing near San Diego but, like other sectors, also includes many segments of pre-2006 fencing, which is easier to climb. and it has many gaps in that older fencing.

Border Patrol agents 2,570 (up 64.5%)

Apprehensions

118,721 (down 6.4%)

372.5 miles

Near urban areas, fencing is more likely to be found.

Nogales Douglas

EL PASO SECTOR Apprehensions 14,999 (down 87.8%)

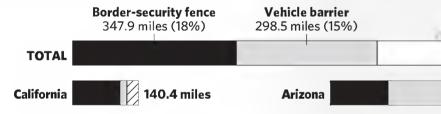
Border Patrol agents 2.712 (up 103.9%)

Columbus

Border Patrol agents 1,863 (up 98.8%)

How much border fence exists

Nearly 650 miles, or about one-third, of the border is lined with border-security fence or vehicle barrier.



Rio Grande

Lukeville

na with border fence or vehicle barrier 1,131.4 miles (59%)

New Mexico

1,241 miles

Remaining

179.5 miles

155.6 miles (8%)

1,933 MILES TOTAL

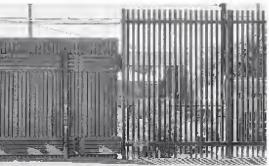
Apprehensions

Border Patrol agents 2,422 (up 75.5%)

RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTOR 60,989 (down 54.5%)

Types of barriers along the border

Border-security fence includes fencing in place prior to 2006 (left) and newer, taller fencing (center, right) designed to be more difficult to climb.











Additional border barriers are under construction in southern Texas, one area where the urban environment on each side of the border has made the prevention of drugtrafficking more difficult.

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